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## Local pet food menu safe

**Multi Menu doing damage control in wake  
of pet food recall by Menu Foods**

BY JODI STYNER  
*Didsbury Review*

A local pet food distributor is fighting to save his business's good reputation in the wake of a pet food recall last week by another company with a very similar name.

John Vance, who opened a Multi Menu pet food franchise with his wife and daughter in August 2006, says Multi Menu has absolutely no affiliation with Menu Foods, an Ontario-based company that has recalled food products linked to the deaths of at least 16 cats and dogs.

Tests conducted by the Food and Drug Administration indicate rat poison as the contaminant in the wet "cuts and gravy" products that were recalled.

The Vances are now busy calling their existing customers, county wide, to assure them their products are 100 per cent safe for animal consumption.

"We've had a lot of calls from concerned customers," said John Vance.

"All of our products are dry, they're 100 per cent natural and safe."

Multi Menu is a Quebec-based company operating 145 home delivery pet food franchises across the country, including Didsbury.

Company spokesperson Bernard Hamel, said Multi Menu pet food formulas do not contain wheat gluten, said to be the contaminated ingredient in the recalled products, and its formulas are certified by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and free of harmful byproducts and artificial preservatives.

**"All of our food is HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point) tested in production to ensure a safe, quality product."**

DAVE HAASE  
*Multi Menu Alberta*

"All ingredients are tested before they are used," said Hamel.

"The product is safe and totally guaranteed."

Dave Haase, of Multi Menu Alberta, said the damage control his parent company has had to take up, could

have been prevented if Menu Foods had put the same safety controls in place as Multi Menu has.

"All of our food is HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point) tested in production to ensure a safe, quality product," said Haase.

"If Menu Foods would have done the HACCP testing they wouldn't have had the recall."

HACCP testing is required for foods intended for human consumption, but not for dog and cat foods.

Hamel calls the recall "a sad situation" and encourages pet owners to continue calling, and to research what their pets are eating.

"Our best advice would be that they read the labels of the product they feed their pets with," he said.

"If they need help to do so, or more info about the food, no matter what food they use, we invite them to call a Multi Menu franchisee; they are fully trained on nutrition and pet food is their business."

Mountain View county franchisees John and Phyllis Vance are happy to field calls from pet owners.

They can be reached at 335-3004 or 507-1008 by phone, or [didsbury@multimenu.ca](mailto:didsbury@multimenu.ca) on the web.

Meanwhile, Hamel said Multi Menu will continue to focus on the well-being of the pets it serves and he hopes the recall won't have an impact on the company, which he maintains is 100 per cent safe.



Carla Victor/  
*Didsbury Review*

**DON'T CONFUSE THE TWO** - John and Phyllis Vance load dog food in their van for a delivery. The Vances run a Multi Menu pet food franchise from their Didsbury home and have been busy reassuring customers that their products are safe in the wake of last week's pet food recall by a company with a similar name.



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# Water concerns rise with population

BY JODI STYNER  
*Didsbury Review*

As Didsbury continues to grow at a record rate, water and waste-water issues are beginning to surface.

Currently at the butte, the town has about a four-day supply of water, according to public works manager Dale Keisman.

"So if we lost all power and had to rely on what gravity feed can make it down to us...four days," said Keisman.

"AG Foods better have lots of bottled water. So that's a major concern."

Another issue is that there aren't enough storm water ponds to trap water from spring melt-off or rain, for the required 24-hours before it goes into Rosebud Creek.

"Our water flows through ditches and right down to the creek, so we aren't complying with Alberta Environment," said Public Works Manager Dale Keisman.

Keisman said areas

have been identified to develop more storm water ponds.

"We're working on that, but it's something we're lacking, and with the growth that we're going to experience our plans are to develop ponds."

Keisman also said future water quality of the Rosebud Creek is dependent on waste-water treatment capacity.

Didsbury's upper lagoon has a 65 million gallon capacity, which Keisman said is approxi-

mately one-sixth of the town's total treatment capacity.

Raw sewage goes into the system lagoons, through the anaerobic cells and then through primary, secondary and tertiary cells, then to the upper lagoon.

Keisman said last year, Alberta Environment recommended that Didsbury only discharge to the Rosebud from the upper lagoon, to get a better quality effluent.

About 2,700 cubic metres a day is being produced, but Keisman said the town's capacity is only 1,700 cubic metres a day.

"That means we have almost double coming in than can be treated," he said.

"Some say the Rosebud is one of the most polluted creeks in Alberta. Others say, you know, the cattle are drinking it, and they're doing fine."

Keisman said Didsbury, along with some neighbouring communities, is asking the Alberta Government to consider this area for a regional treatment centre that will address Didsbury's needs, and the needs of those other communities, and will clean up the Rosebud.

In regards to water capacity at the butte, the town is working on that too.

"By 2010 we're going to start working on another reservoir," said Keisman.

"We'll still be maintaining this one, but we'll have another one."

All of these projects have been identified in the Town's 10-year Capital plan, and Keisman said council has committed to seeking out grant money wherever possible for water and waste-water projects to help keep up with the growth and demand.



Carla Victor/Olds Albertan

**ROSEBUD CREEK** — Water running into the Rosebud Creek is supposed to be held for 24 hours, but the town doesn't have enough lagoons to meet the requirements. Water and wastewater issues in the town of Didsbury are becoming a major concern as the town grows.

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# Murder victim identified

Police still looking for information

BY FAYE BAYKO  
For the Review

The man found dead at the side of a rural road east of Carstairs on March 16 has been identified.

On March 20 RCMP released the name as Allen Gerald (Gerry) Berdahl Jr., 36, of Calgary. While police have acknowledged the death as a homicide they are not releasing the results of the autopsy.

Berdahl was found dead in the ditch of Range Road 28.2 about a half-mile north of Highway 581 by passing motorists just before 9 a.m. on March 16.

The investigation is continuing and Southern Alberta District Major Crimes members are assisting Didsbury RCMP officers.

Mountain View County Reeve Al Kemmere said the fact Berdahl appears to have been murdered just outside of Carstairs only adds to the unease already felt by people shocked by the body's discovery.

"We don't know if it's a city influence or not, but anytime we have a murder within our boundaries there is definitely a concern that goes around. It's a legitimate

concern," said Kemmere.

"One of these events does not change the fact Mountain View County (with 12,000 residents) is still a safe place to live," he added.

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AL KEMMERE  
Reeve, Mountain View County

In a March 20 press release Webb stated that evidence gathered to that date appeared to indicate that Berdahl had been killed at the scene.

Carstairs Mayor Lance Colby, a retired 29-year veteran of the Calgary Police Service, said small communities are obviously not immune to Calgary-based crime.

"I think with the popula-

tion of the entire area growing, criminals are more active and they have more mobility. You're going to see more movement of criminals into the areas outside the city," said Colby.

Investigators are asking anyone with information to contact the Didsbury RCMP at 1-403-335-3382.

"We know that Berdahl was in that area before he was killed but nobody there (in the Carstairs area) is in any danger," said Webb.



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# Opinion

## Pet food quality control

Concerned pet owners across North America are scratching their heads this week, wondering how on earth rat poison ever got into the pet food that killed at least 16 cats and dogs.

When Menu Foods announced its product recall last week, it sparked outrage among animal lovers.

Demands are now mounting that a government agency should be responsible for regulating what goes into pet food, so a situation like this doesn't recur.

Undoubtedly, most pet owners would gladly open their wallets to ensure their pet's health and safety.

But not everyone is willing to pay for a better or different process, though few would argue there should be better quality controls in place.

The Food and Drug Administration already has a regulatory body in place, but in regards to pet food it's currently an optional testing process.

For now, the easiest, and cheapest thing pet owners can do is research what their pet is eating.

Take initiative to check whether your pet food supplier has gone through the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) program.

Also, look at the ingredients. Some of the most caring pet owners don't know what is in their pet's food or what nutritional value it has.

And, of course, when in doubt about anything regarding your pet's health, consult a veterinarian.



## Your letters

### Ice removal a give, take decision

I wanted to take this opportunity to not only respond to Mr Hansen's concerns but also to inform the residents of Didsbury as to how the Town endeavors to manage its facilities for the best utilization of all of its residents.

Before I get into that, I want everyone to be aware that I am a strong supporter of all minor sports as I have spent the past 40 years playing and 20 years coaching Ringette, Hockey, Lacrosse and baseball, so I don't believe I can be accused of lightly dismissing or ignoring the concerns of Didsbury Minor Hockey in regards to the Town wanting to take the ice out of the arena too early.

As members of Town Council, we are tasked by the residents of Didsbury to ensure that all town facilities are being utilized as fully as possible to ensure a minimal burden on the taxpayers.

That means we must look for revenue opportunities like the Trade Show that will allow the town to offset the costs of operating facilities.

This, in turn, allows the Town to offer the use of the facilities to local user groups like minor hockey and lacrosse at lower rental rates to help them keep their fees reasonable so everyone has the chance to participate in these sports.

The Town has also leased the arena concession out to Minor Hockey at a very reasonable rate, again to enable them to generate revenues for minor hockey that help to keep fees down for the kids and/or reduce the amount of time the parents will have to do other fundraisers or work in the concession as I did for many years in the past.

The Town appreciates and works with Minor Hockey

but unfortunately they are not the only renters for the arena so we must try to balance off everyone's needs.

The Trade Show is a major event and draws a lot of people (4,000+) and profile to the Town. This show brings huge economic benefits to the business community of our town, so we need to ensure we can accommodate them as well. A strong and healthy business core is vital to the overall success of our town and its residents.

There is a calendar of Trade Show events that happen every year so if you plan on hosting a show you need to work it into the calendar to ensure that you are not doubling up with another show.

Trade show booth equipment needs to be booked well in advance as it is limited and out of town exhibitors are a big part of a show, so you want to have a date that allows them to come.

The Town entered into a three-year agreement with the Trade Show in 2005 to ensure that they could have specific dates each year to plan around to try to make the show an even bigger and better event.

Next year is the last year of the agreement, and for information sake the Show will be held April 5-8 next year; after that we will look at the possibility of a later date for the future, but there are no guarantees that dates may change, but we will explore all options.

Taking the ice out the last week of March may cause some concern or issues the odd year if and when a local team does very well in playoffs, but for the most part it shouldn't impact anything.

Unfortunately this year it has, because some of our local teams are doing very well and congratulations and all the best to them.

I would hope that people could look at the big picture here and realize we need to work together on this and that is what the Town and Minor Hockey have done.

The arena manager was in close contact with Minor Hockey and the Colts over the past two weeks trying to come up with a plan.

Unfortunately with the Colts' loss to Airdrie the other night that is no longer an issue for them.

Minor Hockey has told the Town that they need the ice until this Friday March 23, so the ice is staying in until then. If the Colts had gone on to the next round we would have kept the ice in until Sunday evening for them to play at home, but beyond that we could not, as we need four days at least to take the ice out and scrub the floor in preparation for the Trade Show and they will need two or three days for setup themselves.

Let's remember we live in a community, and that requires a bit of give and take and understanding from everyone to make it work.

We each have our own concerns but let's try to be aware of other's concerns as well.

That is what we as a council representing all residents try to do every time we make a decision on your behalf.

Respectfully submitted

**Brian Wittal**  
Deputy Mayor  
Town of Didsbury

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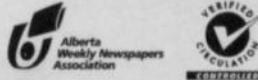
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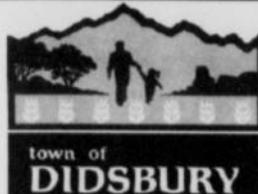
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### SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### Summer Recreation Assistant

Position Start Date: May 7, 2007

Position End Date: August 24, 2007

The Summer Recreation Assistant will be responsible for planning, overseeing and reporting on the Didsbury Summer Fun Program. Also, this person will be responsible for organizing and implementing Canada Day festivities for the Town of Didsbury. Supervision of employees will be required.

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- Current Standard First Aid certification.
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Application deadline: April 13, 2007

Please apply with resume to:

Nicole Aasen, Community Services Coordinator

Box 790, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0 Fax: (403) 335-9794 Email: [naasen@didsbury.ca](mailto:naasen@didsbury.ca)

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Application deadline: April 12, 2007

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#### TOWN COUNCIL:

Tuesday, April 3, 2007 Council Chambers at 7:00 pm

*The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (April 13, 2007)*

#### MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, April 4, 2007—Council Chambers at 4:30 pm

#### DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday, June 11, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.— Council Chambers

### NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

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DP 26-07 1322 – 20 Street	Four-Plex with conditions	R2
DP 27-07 47 Valarosa Drive	Single Family Dwelling	R2
DP 28-07 24 Julia Place	Single Family Dwelling with condition	R1
DP 29-07 ptn. SE 1/4 18-31-1-W5M	Stripping and Grading with conditions	R1/R2 (south of Didsbury High School)

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037—19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **April 10, 2007**.

*Robert Wigg, Development Officer*

### SPRING BREAK-UP

The Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission is experiencing the annual spring run off. The raw water quality has made the process of treating water more challenging.

The Anthony Henday Water Treatment Plant is operating at full capacity and is providing quality water. To ensure that the chlorine residuals are at the proper levels, there may be higher than normal chlorine smell or taste.

**Chlorine residual is required by the Province of Alberta to ensure safe drinking water.**

#### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBUY LAND USE BY-LAW 04-13

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Didsbury has received an application to amend the present Land Use By-Law 04-13 Map Schedule A as follows:

1) That portion of land known as:

Lots 1A/1B, Block M, Plan 7710830  
(1A/1B – 14 Street Close)

—and—

Lot 1C, Block M, Plan 9010065  
(1C – 14 Street Close)

The purpose of the amendment is to amend the present Land Use By-Law 04-13 Map Schedule A from I (Industrial - General) to R5 (Residential - High Density).

A public hearing prior to second and third reading of the proposed By-law will be held, April 3, 2007, commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue.

The hearing will be conducted under the chairmanship of the Mayor, or her designated person, for the purpose of hearing opinions and comments and/or objections to the proposed By-law.

The style of the hearing will be informal and persons wishing to speak will be requested to state their name and address for the record upon being recognized by the Chairman. Opportunities to speak will not be restricted, but recognition to speak will be at the discretion of the Chairman. Written responses will also be accepted up until 12:00 noon April 3, 2007.

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed Land Use By-law amendments at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

DATE OF PUBLICATION of this notice: March 27, 2007

Robert Wigg  
Planning and Development Officer



#### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBUY AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW 98-08

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Didsbury has received an application to amend the present Municipal Development Plan By-Law 98-08 as follows:

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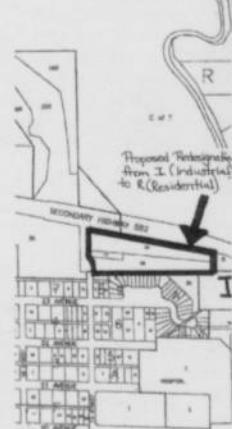
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Robert Wigg  
Planning and Development Officer

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Carla Victor/  
Didsbury Review

**FAST FRIENDS** — Miki Town visitors blew through Didsbury last week on their annual seven-day visit from Japan. As always the highlight of the trip was their visit to Westglen School to teach a few of their customs to local students. Top and bottom right: Miki Town visitors teach a traditional Japanese dance to Didsbury students. Bottom left: Akiko Ueda, 14 teaches her Didsbury host sister Lizzy Baril, 13, Japanese calligraphy for the word "love".



**Soap Box Derby 2007**

Hey kids! Did you know that June 16 is **SOAP BOX DERBY** day in Didsbury? If you were in the Derby last year and you're still not over 17 years old on Race day you'll want to get in again, or if you've just turned eight that day you can get in this year. We propose to add a senior event this year to include people thirteen to seventeen. It's not too early to get going on that race car. The more carefully you build, the better your chances will be at the finish line. And get this, if you want to have a building kit with wheels, steering and plans to build call 335-4482 and George will have a kit for you. Kits cost the Lions \$65.00 each and you get one for that price. All necessary instructions are included in each kit, and don't forget to pick up an entry form when you get your kit. Entry fees are thirty five dollars (\$35). You see, the Lions are trying to make the Derby affordable to any kid between eight and seventeen - with the help of parents or sponsors of course.

If you get a helmet, a registration and consent form completed from a parent or guardian, a set of brakes on your car that work, and if your construction is good, you will pass inspection and then you get up to five runs down the racetrack. Not only that, you get a Derby T-shirt, a hamburger or hot dog, and a juice or pop from our Soap Box Derby sponsors, all included in your entry fee. Besides that, there are prizes for the winners of the various events. If you need more information or a consent and registration form call (403) 801-4697 or 335-4796 for either a live person or answering machine.

A note to parents and/or guardians. The ramp makes this really an exciting event. The fastest car was clocked at over 30 KPH on the track. BUT, the track is protected by straw bales at the edges, and with brakes, helmets, lane markings and good supervision no mishaps are expected or likely. Cars are returned from the finish line to the starting lineup on trailers in time for the next runs to begin. The local police were present last year but no speeding tickets were issued, and since the sportsmanlike conduct of the drivers has been noteworthy, a really great time is expected again this year. All inspector's and judge's decisions, right or wrong are final.

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# Local women spring into action to end breast cancer

BY JODI STYNER  
*Didsbury Review*

Four local women are asking for the community's help to "Save Our Boobs" as they set out to raise money to participate in the Weekend to End Breast Cancer.

Lora Lowther, Angela Haskett, Eloise Block and Lynn Samoisette make up Didsbury's SOB team.

The group has already begun training in the gym and as the weather warms up, Lowther said they'll kick it up a notch.

"You'll see us out and about, walking around town," she said.

"It takes a lot of training to walk 60 kilometres."

It also takes money - \$2,000 each, to

be precise.

As Samoisette can attest to, raising that kind of money isn't easy. Last year she used a pledge sheet and collected from friends and family, but this year the team has come up with some new fundraising initiatives.

"We're doing some different things, so it may be a bit easier this year," she said.

This weekend the group will don pink hair at Lowther's Fitness FX booth at the Didsbury Trade Show and try to

entice passersby to "buy a square to support pink hair".

A 50/50 draw through various local restaurants, a silent auction raffle and a Mothers Day tea are all planned as well.

When all the money is raised and the training complete, the women will step up to the starting line at the third annual Weekend to End Breast Cancer on July 27 to culminate their efforts.

All the hard work that is before them will be worth it, said Lowther.

"We've all been affected in some way, shape or form," she said.

"Most of us have a friend, or a sister, or a mother whose either died from it, has gone through it or is going through it now."

Samoisette is battling breast cancer right now, so the race is especially important to her.

But it's also about every woman, said Lowther.

"It's just such a worthy cause, and the fact that the money raised stays in Alberta is important. It does go, not just towards research, but to people who are going through it, to help pay for the cost of their medications and treatment," said Lowther.

"I just think it's a really good cause. We all do."

**"It's just such a worthy cause, and the fact that the money raised stays in Alberta is important."**

LORA LOWTHER  
*Weekend to End Breast Cancer  
fundraiser*

## Highway plan in the works: Ouellette

*Time has come to meet demand of growing population*

BY DAN SINGLETON  
*For the Review*

Luke Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation and central Alberta MLA, says he is currently working on a long-term plan he hopes will help address massive and growing demands on Alberta's road and highway network.

"We are definitely, definitely way behind in our (road) rehabilitation process," Ouellette said Friday.

"We should be rehabilitating about 1,500 kilometres of highway a year and

we are actually only rehabilitating about 350 kilometres. I am working on a four year plan right now to try to get more dollars to rehabilitate, to try to catch up in this next four year period.

"But we have another problem, a capacity problem. We don't have enough contractors if we do happen to be able to raise the money for the transportation infrastructure budget. We may not have the capacity in Alberta to do the jobs."

Ouellette, who is the Conservative MLA for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, was one of dozens of elected officials from cen-



Luke Ouellette  
Finance  
Minister

**"We should be rehabilitating about 1,500 kilometres of highway a year and we are actually only rehabilitating about 350 kilometres."**

LUKE OUELLETTE  
*Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation*

area Chambers of Commerce at the event.

During the forum in the Harvest Centre, Ouellette gave a closed-door presentation on growth pressures.

"I basically talked about highway pressures and growth throughout the whole province," he said.

"We are definitely the fastest growing province in the country and it has created great pressures. Yes the Alberta government has money, but most of that money is spoken for."

"I was saying that we have \$250 million put into the budget for water and wastewater partnerships in Alberta. That sounds like a lot of money, but when you go across Alberta that won't come close to the amount of projects that people would like to see done out there."

tral Alberta to attend the Central Alberta Economic Partnership's 3rd annual Roundtable for MLAs, Mayors and Reeves at Westerner Park in Red Deer on March 23.

The day-long event was held to allow elected officials from central Alberta to discuss infrastructure, rural development, agriculture and affordable housing issues.

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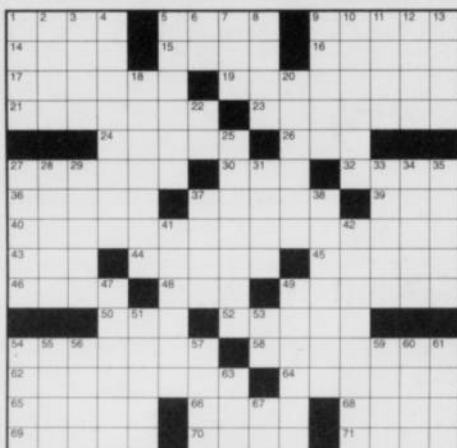
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15. Obeahs  
16. Junipero \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish priest  
17. They delivered before refrigeration  
19. Limbless scaly reptile  
21. Abnormal condition of pregnancy  
23. Used to form a hard coating on a porous surface  
24. Maryam of Ethiopia  
25. Ribonucleic Acid  
27. Any of several varishes  
30. Fish eggs  
32. Diagrams of the Earth's surface  
36. Manila hemp

37. Young Atlantic cod  
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40. M.J. Fox film  
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45. Padded  
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# Ombudsman touring area to promote awareness

BY JENNIFER WILSON  
For the Review

Alberta's Ombudsman was travelling around Central Alberta last week, speaking to residents and educating the public about his role.

Although most know the Ombudsman can help the public with conflicts with government, Gord Button said few people in rural communities know exactly what he does. That's why he decided to hit the road.

"I have the authority to investigate complaints from citizens of Alberta who believe they've been mistreated by any government department," Button explained.

"When somebody has a problem, or thinks they've been treated unfairly by a department of government, and isn't satisfied with the outcome, they'll know or somebody in the community will suggest to them 'maybe this is something you should call the Ombudsman about.'"

Button, who's served as Ombudsman for three years, said studies show the knowledge, and utilization, of his services are lower in rural Alberta than in urban centres. There may be a number of reasons for this, he said, such as availability.

"It may be a lot of the people who need our services are struggling because of

workplace injuries or other factors in life that make it difficult to access offices such as ours. It may be people haven't heard as much about us in the rural areas."

What the Ombudsman does for Alberta citizens is investigate the administrative fairness of provincial government departments, boards and agencies. He can look at how they deliver their services or make their decisions on things like benefits. Button's office also has authority over a number of professional organizations such as accountants, veterinary medicine and most of the health professions, including health regions.

The Ombudsman is an important part of the democratic process, Button said. He was appointed by the legislative assembly and as such is not accountable to government nor restrained by government to do his job. The Ombudsman helps the assembly watch over the actions of the government.

The legislative assembly and the elected MLAs only have so much capacity and so many resources and there are some

areas that are much too broad and too complex," Button said.

"So they've created special agencies such as the Ombudsman. I'm a final door the citizen can knock on when they have felt that they were unfairly treated."

After Button hears a complaint, he goes to the appropriate government agency and asks them to explain what they did and why they did it. He then investigates all the facts to determine whether the interaction between the citizen and government was administratively fair. If not, he can make a recommendation to the department's deputy minister as to what should be done to fix it.

These recommendations are not binding. But Button explained that if the deputy minister is unwilling or unable to adopt the recommendation, Button can table a report with the minister. If the minister cannot resolve it, Button has the authority to table a report in the assembly and have it debated and dealt with in the house.

That hasn't happened in Alberta since 1975, Button said, a good indicator that the Ombudsman's recommendations are well accepted. He makes about 125-150 recommendations a year and since he's been Ombudsman, there were only two occasions when he had to go to a minister.

"It speaks really well of the willingness of the authorities to co-operate with me," Button said.

In the fiscal year of 2005-2006, the Ombudsman's office received 670 written complaints. Most were directed at Correctional Services, the Workers' Compensation Board, the Maintenance Enforcement program and the Appeals Commission for Alberta's Workers' Compensation.

Button stressed that if you're uncertain whether the Ombudsman can help you with your complaint, call the office anyway. There is an intake officer with lots of information on other departments and if the Ombudsman can't help, his office can refer you to somewhere else.

Button said his office deals with about 5,000 calls a year and about 50 per cent of them are not in his jurisdiction. The Ombudsman does not investigate complaints about federal or municipal governments, MLAs, police, universities or matters handled by the courts.

Before the Ombudsman can review a complaint, citizens should try to resolve it directly with the authority they are complaining about. That means going through a department's appeal process or complaining to an appropriate supervisor. Button said once all rights of appeal are exhausted and you still feel you were treated unfairly, contact his office.

He said one of the most important things for people to remember is that his services are offered free of charge. As well, his role has a non-adversarial focus.

"We are there to focus on solving problems as well as improving the delivery of service by the government," Button said.

For more information on the Ombudsman and his jurisdiction, visit [www.ombudsman.ab.ca](http://www.ombudsman.ab.ca). You can also find an online complaint form there.

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Ombudsman

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# Sports

## Thomas comes home

BY JODI STYNER  
MVG Staff

Hometown hero Charley Thomas received an enthusiastic welcome back to Didsbury Saturday fresh off his second consecutive win at the World Junior Curling Championships.

"I don't think you all know how much it means to me that you're all here and to know that you were supporting me 100 per cent along every step of my journey," Thomas said during the celebration held at the curling club.

Though Thomas moved to Grande Prairie a few years ago, he still calls Didsbury home.

"I moved away and every moment I thought about how much I missed the town and how much I missed everyone here," he said.

Thomas said his success is due in large part to the huge support he got at the Didsbury Curling Club when he was still a middle school student.

"The ice was always open for me. I could practice as much as I wanted and that was so huge for me," said Thomas.

"Honestly, from the bottom of my heart, Didsbury is my home and I appreciate everything everyone's done for me."

Thomas's mom, Wendy, said there are many people who helped her son out, by making sure he was fed after school, to coaching him, to recognizing his talent and encouraging him to pursue the sport at the next level.

"Brenda and Gary Gaudette looked at me one night when Charley was curling and said 'you've gotta take him somewhere he can show this talent off,'"

said Wendy.

"I listened and it was probably the best thing I could ever do for my son."

Looking back on his early career, Thomas said he always had the best fans.

"I remember everyone standing behind the glass watching my games. I knew you were up there watching me and cheering on my good shots, and when I missed I felt your hearts sink," he said.

"Everyone took me under their wing. I was your curler."

Thomas said at the World Championships he was representing more than Alberta and Canada; he was also representing Didsbury.

"You go to all these places and meet all these people, but it's always the people you were there with from the start that mean the most to you," he said.

To see the 60-plus people packed into the curling club Saturday, it was easy to see Didsburians are exceptionally proud to call Thomas one of their own.

"We've all heard Charley was from Calgary, Edmonton, Grande Prairie, but I've always said he was from Didsbury," said Lyle Craven, who once coached Charley.

Craven, who is arguably Thomas's biggest fan, said this recent win is a perfect culmination to his coaching career.

"Now I can retire," he said.

Deputy Mayor Brian Wittal, who MC'd Saturday's celebration, said he expects Thomas has nowhere to go in the curling world but up.

"We're going to be seeing you in the Worlds, we're going to be seeing you in the Olympics," he said.

Jodi Styner/Didsbury Review

### THANKS FANS

Two-time World Junior Curling champ Charley Thomas was in Didsbury to thank his fans and former coaches Saturday. After the speeches were over, Thomas and teammate Kyle Reynolds signed autographs.



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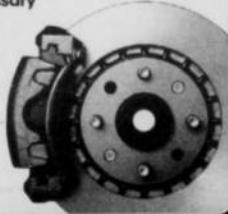
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# Thomases announce junior curling scholarship

BY JODI STYNER  
*Didsbury Review*

The parents of two-time World Junior Curling Champion Charley Thomas have set up a scholarship fund to help grow the sport in Didsbury.

Having never curled themselves, Trevor and Wendy Thomas credit their

son's success to help he received outside the family coupled, of course, with a lot of hard work.

"Didsbury was the starting stone for Charley to start curling, so we only thought it fair to start a scholarship here," said Trevor Thomas.

Each year a junior curler from the Didsbury Curling

Club will be chosen to participate in the Alberta Rocks curling camp in Leduc, paid for by the Thomases.

"I believe it's a good start for junior curlers," said Trevor.

"It's an opportunity to meet each other, and it just gets them out there and shows them there's life beyond the small town of

Didsbury."

The first recipient of the scholarship was announced Saturday night at a homecoming celebration for Charley Thomas.

Courtney Missikewitz, who celebrated her 12th birthday Sunday, said it was a great birthday present.

Missikewitz has been competing in curling for two and a half years and was chosen by her coach, Nick Barron, for her strong dedication to the sport.

"She comes highly recommended by Nick because of her desire to continue with the sport and take it, hopefully, to another level," said Wendy Thomas.

"And I think with Leduc curling camp, she'll have the opportunity to do it."

Wendy and Trevor know the curling camp is a "hot commodity" among junior curlers and their glad to give Didsbury kids a shot at what it has to offer.

They had their own message for young curlers too.

"If you keep a dream in front of you and you chase it, one day it can be yours," said Trevor.



**NEXT GENERATION** — Courtney Missikewitz, 12, is the first recipient of a scholarship being offered by Charley Thomas's parents to help junior curlers in Didsbury who want a shot at the big leagues.

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1st- Doug Weigum team (Didsbury)

Runners up- Rick Phillips (Sr.) team (Didsbury)

### D Event

1st- Rick Phillips (Jr.) team (Didsbury)

Runners up- Lee Pochopolski team (Didsbury)

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# Colts' playoff run comes to an end

*young, competitive players to return to next year's roster*

BY BARRY WILLIAMS

*Didsbury Review*

Despite being eliminated from the Heritage Junior B Hockey League playoffs in Airdrie last week, the Mountain View Colts enjoyed a rewarding season.

Playing at the Airdrie & District Recreation Complex on March 20, 2007, the Airdrie Thunder defeated the Colts 5-3 in the seventh and deciding game of the Heritage Junior B Hockey League central division championship.

After a scoreless first period, the teams' offensive game came to life as they skated into the second period intermission deadlocked at three goals apiece.

Early in the second frame, the Thunder increased their lead to 2-0 as Mike Bannister and Brent Dawe denting the twine with power-play markers.

Midway through the period, the Colts evened the score at 2-2 on goals off the sticks of Brad Edwards and Dick Turnville, a power-play goal. Before the buzzer sounded ending the play in the middle frame, the Colts received a goal from Justin Duncafe, while Brandon Miller replied for the Thunder leaving the teams on even terms at 3-3 at the conclusion of 40 minutes of play.

With both teams battling for momentum in the third period, the game wasn't decided until the final minute of play when Miller deposited his second goal of the game into an empty net. Miller's goal came just a minute after the Thunder took a 4-3 lead with Les Glen denting the twine.

In the wide open end to end game, both netminders were at their best as they kept the game from being a runaway by making

several outstanding saves.

Thunder netminder Daniel McIntosh finished the game with 32 saves, while the Colts' tandem of Kris Jackson and Evan Miller combined to block 42 shots.

Although the Colts failed to make it into the division championship, Colts' head coach, Cliff Murphy indicated it was a successful season.

"Of course as a coach you always want to win more games, but I was happy with what the players accomplished throughout the season," Murphy said.

"From the start of the season we wanted to be competitive and we were," added Murphy, noting the Colts were never blown away in any of the games they played.

"Our younger players were never outplayed and they proved to me they can play against 21-year-old players," added Murphy.

"In fact, I believe the majority of our players could play Junior A hockey if they were given the opportunity," Murphy said.

And developing players to compete at and succeed in a higher level of hockey has always been the philosophy of the Colts.

"Our goal has always been to give players from the Mountainview area an opportunity to play hockey at a higher level," Murphy said.

By developing players from this area, the Colts have a loyal fan base willing to support the team, indicated Murphy.

"With a nucleus of younger players returning next season, we should be very competitive," concluded Murphy.

Fans are reminded the Colts' awards banquet has been pencilled in for April 28 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

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CLIFF MURPHY

*Mountain View Colts' head coach*

Jodi Styner/Didsbury Review

**BETTING ON KIDS -**

Participation numbers were down at this year's KidSport's casino fundraiser, but all who attended had a great time and the event was a big success, according to the organization's coordinator Pam Cameron. A final tally on money raised was not available before press time.

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Rev. Carole Armstrong

Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Mid-week service every third Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. St. Cyprian's is a small, friendly Christian Community who welcomes newcomers.

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please call 335-8373 or see our website at [www.knox-united.com](http://www.knox-united.com).**Zion Evangelical Missionary Church**

Corner Hwy. 582 &amp; 20th Ave. Phone: 335-3629

Website: [www.zeme.org](http://www.zeme.org)

Colin Creighton, Youth Pastor

Christine Little, Children's Ministries Director

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Worship Celebration 10:45 a.m.

Life Groups, Teen Activities &amp; Children's Programs

**Bergthal Mennonite Church**

Didsbury, Alberta

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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m.

Pastor: Elwin Garland

For more information ph. - 335-4451

**Redeemer Lutheran**

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Church: 335-3161 / Rec: 335-3656

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 1 &amp; 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Sr. &amp; Youth, Women's &amp; Seniors Ministry Group

Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week.

**St. Anthony's Catholic**

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury

For more information please contact

Claude Baril - 335-3842

Catholic Women's League: Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507

Knight's of Columbus: Jim Myre 335-3633

**Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church**

14 km East of Didsbury

Pastor: John Lucas

Office: 335-4422 • Home: 335-8923

Morning Worship - 11 a.m. • Sunday School - 10 a.m.

For information concerning the weekly activities please call the Church Office.

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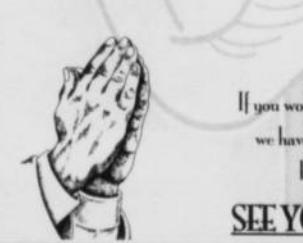
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## **Ponderings of the Heart**

# Observing nature

BY MARGARET FRADLEY

### For the Review

Have we ever taken the time to observe a tiny caterpillar? As we become aware of this tiny, furry little creature he appears so insignificant, so unworthy of our attention, and we shudder to think of him climbing up our arm or leg.

Yet this same little squirmy creature emerges from his cocoon as a beautiful butterfly, into newness of life, radiant in colour. Once he has taken the time for his wings to dry and to be strengthened in the warmth of the sun, he takes off, flitting about from flower to flower, plant to plant. He becomes the delight of children, and even as adults we take the time to behold his beauty, as we try to fathom the miracle.

There are times in our lives when we feel most unimportant, perhaps of little use, insignificant, unnoticed, until one day we too discover that for which we were created, and we emerge also into newness of life, strengthened and encouraged to become all we were meant to be, and to soar to our greatest potential, bringing us a new sense of well being, freedom, release and joy as we emerge into our own personal beauty, unique and special.

## **Students dare to care**

Imagine for a moment what the school of your dreams would look like...consider what it would be like to step into a school every day and feel welcome, accepted, safe, cared for and respected. What would that be like and what would it take to create this "school of your dreams?"

That was just the question posed to the Grade 8 students at Westglen school during a full-day student event put on by the Dare To Care, entitled "Take the Time".

The focus for the day was on encouraging students to make positive changes in their school by first looking inward and making necessary changes in themselves. In particular, the students were challenged to consider who "real" and authentic they are with others. Several

group and individual exercises were designed to stretch comfort zones and get participants to be honest and open with others and take things deeper than surface level conversation. In doing so, the students gained insight into the lives of others and this fostered empathy and respect for one another. Secondly, the dynamics of bullying were discussed and students were challenged to not be the "silent majority" but rather, to consider the power they have as a collective group to respect, tolerate and support one another.

challenges...all designed to get students to relate to one another in a way they've never done before.

Adult facilitators were a vital component to the success of the day as the ratio of students to adults was 5:1. They facilitated small group discussions throughout the dy. There was a great mix of school staff, parents, and community members who took a day away from their jobs and other tasks to spend with our students, investing in their character development and ultimately, the health of our community at large. A sincere thank you to those of you who helped with the day.

This day was made possible by the very generous contribution of Terra Grup of Companies. We thank you for investing in our students.

-Submitted

## Olds onto Fibre Optics

BY STEPHANIE  
MYLES  
*For the Review*

Olds is one step closer to being connected to the world through a true broadband network.

The Olds Institute for Community and Regional Development is working alongside town administration to apply for funding from the province's rural development fund to run fibre optic conduit to every home and business in Olds.

The plan is to connect the entire town to SuperNet, the province's broadband network linking government offices, health-care centres, schools and libraries throughout Albera since September 2005.

Olds' plan has been in the works for about a year, and the provincial government has now asked for a full business proposal.

"We're talking the triple play: voice, video, data. This thing will be capable of bringing your high-definition TV through your fibre optic net-work," said Joe Gustafson of the Olds Institute's technology committee. "It's a true broadband... there's nothing you can't do on it."

The Olds Institute was to ask for Olds town council's formal support for the project at Monday night's council meeting.

The town is aiming to submit the proposal by the end of April, and Dale Withage, Olds chief administrative officer, said there is no estimate as to how much it would cost to implement the project.

The town already requires installation of fibre optic conduit to all new development.

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## SATURDAY, MARCH 31/ SUNDAY, APRIL 1.

Redeemer Lutheran Church is putting on a production of Passion Drama starting at 7:30 p.m. both nights.

2300-15 Ave. Call 335-3161 for information. Freewill offering.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Bergthal Mennonit Church choir is presenting its Easter cantata at 7:30 p.m. at Bergthal Church (E of 2E Highway #2 on Bergthal Rd)

The Cantata-One Hard To Rise is conducted by Garry Derksen, accompanist is Lydia Derksen.

Everyone welcome - come one, come all.

## Around town

## TUESDAY, APRIL 3

## Spring has sprung!

You are cordially invited to attend Mountainview Christian Women's Continental Breakfast upstairs in the Carstairs Arena, on Gough Rd, across from Hugh Sutherland School from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. \$5 per person.

Featuring garden accessories from Home Hardware, music by Kelly Berg and Twila Penner, and special speaker Wendy Kroeker.

For reservations phone Chelsie at 337-0143 or Margie at 335-3765. Reservations should be honoured, cancelled, or used by a friend. Free babysitting is available.

For Prayer Connection call Martha Poffenroth at 335-4590.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 6

**Walk of the Cross** - the community is invited to walk together and carry the cross on Good Friday as Jesus did. We will prayerfully walk with a cross to various organizations and help-groups that carry the cross for those in need in our community.

Strollers and bicycles are welcome.

We will leave from St. Cyprians Anglican Church at 9:30 a.m. and end our walk at Knox United in time for the Good Friday Worship.

Phone 335-8373 for more information.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 6

**Good Friday community worship** 11 a.m. at Knox United Church. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

Coffee and hot cross buns will follow.

## DIDSBUY REVIEW

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### SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings now held on the 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Meets the 2nd Thursday each month. For more info please call 335-3265.

**DIDSBUY TOPS** Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

### DIDSBUY ENVIRONMENT BOARD

Meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391.

**BEAVERS** Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

**TIME OUT** Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 335-4270

### KING HIRAM LODGE #21

Has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

### ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S.

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### DIDSBUY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES

Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

**DIDSBUY FIVE-O SINGERS** 50 years of age or over? You are invited to join Tuesday evenings 7:00 p.m. at the Didsbury 5-0 Club 2500-15 Ave.

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**DIDSBUY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC** - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. to Fri. 8:30-4:00.

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**DIDSBUY ROYAL PURPLE #317** Regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Sharon Wadel 335-3481

**ALANON:** For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 556-5911, Reg 337-3762. ttn

**DIDSBUY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP** For friends and families of people with Alzheimer Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Tuesday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge. 335-9848.

**DIDSBUY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES** **AUXILIARY** monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital. 44tfn

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters, meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 948-0563 or Frankie at 335-3633. 05tfn

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**ADULT HALL WALKING** at Westglen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Also free blood sugar testing on Mondays. For more information call Cindy at 335-9437. ttn

**DIDSBUY YOUTH JUSTICE** Committee's next meeting is set for March 5, 2007. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For info call 507-5805.

**DIDSBUY MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE** 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed. Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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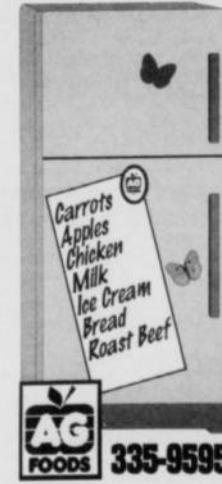
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**ELIZABETH HEIDEBRECHT**

was born on October 10, 1913, in Samara, Russia – the eldest daughter of Heinrich and Maria Tiessen. She immigrated to Canada in 1926 with her parents who settled temporarily in Magrath, Alberta. They moved to Rosemary in 1930, where she did housework for various people. Elizabeth always enjoyed singing and, as a young woman, was a faithful choir member and often sang in a quartet. She was baptized upon her profession of faith in the Lord Jesus and has lived an exemplary Christian life in her quiet way.

Mom married Jakob Heidebrecht on June 5, 1942, and moved to Lacombe where they established a Christian home. While they lived there, Henry was born. Within a few years they moved to Gem where Dad continued to farm. Helen joined the family here and when irrigation farming became to difficult for Dad, they moved to Didsbury in 1950. Linda was born shortly after, so Mom was kept busy looking after her family – cooking, baking, sewing all our clothes, planting a big garden and canning all the vegetables, looking after chickens and geese, and helping with other farm chores. We didn't have electricity or running water, but Mom never complained. In 1963, Dad and Mom retired to an acreage near Didsbury and later moved to a house in town where they lived until Dad's passing. Mom stayed in her home until 2001 when she moved to the Linden Lodge. Here she resided until poor health made it necessary to make the transition to the Linden Nursing Home. Mom's generous heart was evident throughout her life. From early in her marriage to the time she moved to Linden, Mom spent many, many hours sewing articles of clothing, quilting blankets, and knitting afghans, sweaters, socks, and mittens for the Red Cross and MCC. To earn a little income Mom crocheted doilies which she sold on consignment in a local store and later just took orders from her home. She made many friends through this. We hardly ever saw Mom without knitting needles or crochet hook in her hands. Even after moving to the Lodge, her eyesight deteriorated but she crocheted hundreds of afghan squares which she donated to Blankets for Canada. Many people have been joyful recipients of her beautiful doilies (many with beads), and each of her family can proudly display quilts, afghans, cross-stitch pictures, and crocheted tablecloths. These loving gifts are evidence of her love for her family. Although Mom found verbal expressions difficult, we know she was very proud of her children and grandchildren, and enjoyed her great grand children. It brought her much happiness to know that each of her family are following their Christian heritage and are actively involved in their local church congregations. Throughout her widowhood Mom continued to support a couple of children through Compassion Canada, and just before her passing she received a letter from the young man they had supported for fourteen years. He wrote that he wished to support one or two children himself now that he was grown up and established. And so the ripple effect of her generosity and Christian love goes on. Mom will be lovingly remembered by her family: son Henry and Lynne of Sherwood Park, AB, and their family – Brad, Bryan and Tara (Tayler & Brett), and Kevin in Gina; daughter Helen and Len Trenholm of Meadow Creek, BC, and their family – Philip and Christine (Cydnie, Jakob, & Lucas), David and Heather (Allison), Steven, and Timothy; daughter Linda and Nic Wiens of Linden, AB, and their family – Kathy and Keith Harder (Josh & Nicolas), Reta and Jay Richert and Jon and Sasha Wiens. Elizabeth is also survived by three sisters – predeceased by her husband Jakob in 1996, her grandson Ryan Wiens in 2004, and five brothers – Henry, Jake, John, Frank, and Bill Tiessen. Memorial Tributes may be made to: Compassion Canada, Box 5591, London, ON N6A 5G8. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at Linden Mennonite Brethren Church with interment in Berghal Cemetery. Arrangements in care of SUNSET FUNERAL SERVICE Linden AB 403-546-3903

## 130. Coming Events

**DERBY DAY** is coming to THE TACK CORRAL OLDS. March 31st. The biggest sale day of the year! Discounts up to 25% off. 9am to 6pm (403)556-2102

## 1005. Help Wanted

**DIDSBUY AG SOCIETY** looking for events coordinator p/t position call (403)335-3349 - Craig or (403)994-1407 - Ken

## To Advertise Call 335-3301

**EXPERIENCED FULL TIME** window & siding installer required wages depending on experience. Valid Drivers license, transportation and tools required. Double R Exteriors, Didsbury (403)335-9698

## 110. In Memoriam

**IN LOVING MEMORY  
MERV RUSSELL**  
AUGUST 29/1935-MARCH 28/2003

What we'd give if we could say Hello, Dad in the same old way; To hear your voice, and see you smile To sit with you and chat awhile So if you have a father, Cherish him with care

For you'll never know the heartache Till you see his vacant chair.

Love you Pops,  
Val, Brian, Tyler & Landon  
Rhonda, Greg, Amimie & Randy  
Sheila, Dwayne, Jan & Joelle  
Donna

## 100. Obituaries 100. Obituaries

*The family of Judy McNeil would like to sincerely thank the awesome staff of the Didsbury Hospital, Dr. Vervaeck and the other physicians for the exceptional care Judy received during her stay. Judy felt very blessed to be able to spend her final days in Didsbury, and truly appreciated the loving care that she received. We'd also like to thank the paramedics who attended Judy in the ambulance. She really enjoyed her wild ride. Thanks go as well to Judy's many friends for visits, baking cards, and sympathetic ears in our time of sorrow. Thanks to Theresa for filling our ears with her lovely and eloquent music, and for feeding us as well. We're very grateful for the compassionate help we received from Heartland Funeral Services, and Reverend Nancy Nourse's wonderful service. Thanks to the Zion Church for letting us use their lovely facility and to Colin for helping create our slide show. You've all made a very difficult time for us a bit easier to bear.*

## MCNEIL

Judy Catherine McNeil was born Judy Edwards on May 12, 1954 in Didsbury. She passed away peacefully at the Peter Lougheed Hospital on March 16, 2007 after a brave battle with cancer. Her beloved husband Randy was by her side. She was predeceased by her parents Tom Edwards in 1978 and Eva Edwards in 1996. She is survived by her loving husband of 18 years, Randy (perhaps instead of Randy and Judy you knew them as Gator and Sausage), her sisters, Betty (Doug) Bales, Linda (Wayne) Renfert, brothers Jack (Edna) Edwards, Bob (Carol) Edwards, Dale (Dolly) Edwards, Aun Hilda of Wales and numerous cousins, several nieces and nephews, many great-nieces and nephews and innumerable friends. Judy worked for 30 years at the Didsbury Hospital, first as a Nurse's Aid and then moving into house-keeping. She brought light into a lot of lives with her positive and caring attitude. Judy was never too busy or too tired to offer a sympathetic ear and a genuine, heartfelt hug. Judy loved the outdoors, specifically camping and gardening. She took a lot of pride in her lawn and yard. We would tease her about the garden plots she would rototill that did not have a weed in sight. She loved her black dirt. Many of us have shared in the beauty of her garden, enjoying everything from a freshly dug hill of new potatoes to a freshly picked head of lettuce, which she would insist you take home for supper. She would make regular trips to Suncore for tomatoes, McNeil's for asparagus and Linda for sausages, always bringing back enough to share with friends. Judy enjoyed travelling. She cruised to Alaska with Randy several years ago, a trip that won at the Ola IGA. In recent years, they picked up the travelling bag again, going on a Caribbean cruise with good friends Doug and Doris and then holidaying in Cuba with Doug, Doris, Louise and Elaine. Judy's first love however, was people. She will be truly and sadly missed by her huge circle of friends and family. She had a loving and genuine spirit, and helped so many people deal with their problems, including the disease that she faced so bravely. It is a good thing to be able to look back upon a life and say, "She made a difference". Goodbye, Judy. We love you and will miss you forever. A Funeral Service was held on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Didsbury with Reverend Nancy Nourse officiating. Memorial tributes may be made directly to S.T.A.R.S. Air Ambulance or the charity of choice. As a tribute to Judy McNeil, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tire Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Olds, entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610.

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